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## Comment on the Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain Draft Environmental Impact Statement

I agree with the following statements which I have checked: ☒

- 1 ☒ The No Action Alternatives are not reasonable. The EIS should have a reasonable no action alternative.
  - 2 ☒ The EIS is inadequate because it uses outdated 1990 census data rather than current population data for Nevada.
  - 3 ☒ The analysis of transportation impacts in Nevada is insufficient for making modal, corridor and route decisions.
  - 4 ☒ The floodplain analysis is insufficient for corridor and route selection
  - 5 ☒ The impact of stigma on tourism, recreation and agriculture based economies in Nevada should be analyzed.
  - 6 ☒ The EIS should analyze the impacts of a crash between a military airplane and a nuclear waste rail car.
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Comments:

The Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain Draft Environmental Impact Statement includes an option to construct a rail line from Beowawe to Yucca Mountain through Crescent Valley to transport nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain. DOE is required to consider all comments submitted regarding the impacts of building and operating a repository including transportation. My comments for the record are:

- 7 *What can I say to a government that made the worst choices possible as far as their constituents are concerned. A government that chooses nuclear over solar has no consideration for anyone's safety, not even their own. How many barrels with a 5 year life expectancy containing nuclear waste with half-life expectancies of 10,000 to 56,000 years have been dumped in our oceans, or in mine shafts until they started having earthquakes in the area of the mine shafts? How can I expect my opinion to change such mass stupidity? My objection is primarily because of the length of tracks along rivers and accidents such as occurred at Beowawe where a car left the track, I have heard estimates up to 5 miles, and it wasn't until it wrecked at Beowawe that the train crew knew something was wrong. What if it had been loaded with nuclear waste?*